

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Southern District of Texas

JAN 19 2018

Clerk of Court

United States of America)
 Jose Guadalupe VILLARREAL Cardenas)
 YOB: 1995 Citizenship: Mexican)
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Case No. M-18-107-M

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of January 18, 2018 in the county of Hidalgo in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

21 U.S.C. § 841 Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine
 21 U.S.C. § 952 Illegal Importation Methamphetamine

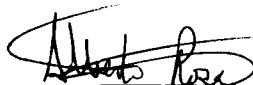
This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

On January 18, 2018, Jose Guadalupe VILLARREAL Cardenas was detained attempting to enter the United States through the Hidalgo, Texas Port of Entry with approximately 16.1 kilograms of methamphetamine concealed in two unattached speakers in the tractor he was driving. 14.5 CDT

SEE ATTACHMENT "A"

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OK to file. TST



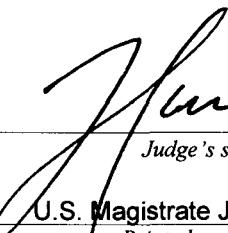
Complainant's signature

Alberto Rosa, HSI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 1/19/2018



Judge's signature

City and state: McAllen, Texas

U.S. Magistrate Judge Scott Hacker

Printed name and title

Attachment "A"

On January 18, 2018, Jose Guadalupe VILLARREAL Cardenas attempted to make entry into the United States (US) at the Pharr, Texas Port of Entry (Pharr POE) driving a tractor trailer. VILLARREAL's vehicle was selected for x-ray inspection by Customs and Border Protection Officer (CBPO) A. Cavazos. CBPO R. Cano inspected the tractor trailer with a gamma ray machine where anomalies were discovered in the speaker box located in the tractor. CBPOs requested the assistance of CBPO C. Villarreal and K9 Sony. K9 Sony went inside the cabin of the tractor and alerted to two unattached speakers that were placed on top of the bed. CBPO R. Escobar drilled into the speakers and extracted a white powdery substance. Further physical inspection of the two speakers revealed a total of eight (8) packages concealed in the speakers. The eight (8) packages field tested positive for properties of methamphetamine. The total weight of the methamphetamine found was approximately 14.5 kilograms.

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Agents (SA) were advised of the situation and responded to the Pharr POE to interview VILLARREAL. HSI SA's read VILLARREAL his Miranda rights and VILLARREAL waived his rights in writing and elected to speak to the agents. VILLARREAL stated he picked up the speakers in Mexico and was going to transport the speakers from Reynosa, Mexico to McAllen, Texas. VILLARREAL stated he knew he was attempting to import an illegal contraband into the United States and was supposed to be paid 30,000 Mexican Pesos (\$1,612.80 United States Dollar) for his part after the delivery of the narcotics.